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THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN OCEAN CREST BURGLARY

(San Diego, CA) On May 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., a resident in the 1300 block of Surfwood Lane arrived home after taking her children to school. She heard a noise in the upstairs area of the house and believed her son was at home. She called out to her son and three unknown black males walked down the stairs in her direction. The suspects attempted to flee through the front door of the house, but could not open the door. The resident walked past the suspects, unlocked the door to allow them to leave, and then called police to report the burglary.

As the suspects ran from the area, a neighbor observed them, as well as a school bus driver, who took a picture of the suspects on his cellular phone.

Officers arrived within minutes and established a perimeter around a large canyon where the suspects were last seen. The San Diego Police helicopter checked the canyon, but due to dense brush and trees, could not locate the suspects. Officers maintained the perimeter, waiting for the suspects to exit the canyon. At approximately 10:40 a.m., the suspects exited the canyon in the area of Del Sol Blvd. and Riviera Pointe Street. Plain clothes detectives and uniformed officers were on the scene. All three suspects were taken into custody after a short foot pursuit.

Two of the suspects, Sabit Chuol (10-01-89 of Valencia Park) and Miel Tshitungi (09-22-92 of North Park) had items stolen from the residence on Surfwood Lane in their possession. The third suspect, Peter Gathoth Both (06-03-91 of Ocean Crest) was on probation for burglary. A Fourth Amendment waiver search was conducted at his residence and items from two other burglaries in the area were located. All three suspects were booked into County Jail.

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